

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-46. However, the Examiner noted that claims 12-30 and 39-45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and also if the double patenting rejection is overcome. See Office Action at 11. By this amendment, Applicant cancels claims 1-11, 31-38, and 46 without prejudice or disclaimer and amends claims 12, 27, and 39 according to the Examiner's suggestions. These amendments, together with the terminal disclaimer filed herewith, place claims 12-30 and 39-45 in a condition suitable for allowance.

While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection in the Office Action mailed August 4, 2006 and maintained in this Final Office Action, filed herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321, which overcomes the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims 1-30 of copending Application No. 10/787,320 and claims 1-25 of copending Application No. 10/787,321. Together with the terminal disclaimer filed on November 3, 2006 to overcome the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-46 over claims 1-37 of copending Application No. 10/787,324 and claims 1-60 of copending Application No. 10/787,322, the terminal disclaimer filed herewith overcomes the Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejection for claims 12-30 and 39-45.

In view of the terminal disclaimer filed herewith, the terminal disclaimer filed on November 3, 2006, and the foregoing amendments to claims, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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